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FROM AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA

E.O. 11652: NA

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SUBJECT: ALEXANDRIA PORT CONGESTION

REF: CAIRO 3933

1. PRESS MAY 9 REPORTS PRIMIN SALIM TOUR OF INSPECTION AT ALEXANDRIA PORT PREVIOUS DAY AND MEETINGS WITH RESPONSIBLE NATIONAL AND LOCAL OFFICIALS. PRIMIN HAS "ORDERED" CLEARANCE OF CARGO PILEUP ON DOCKS IN NEXT 30 DAYS, AS IMPOROVEMENT ON TWO MONTH DEADLINE SET BY NEW MINISTER OF MARITIME TRANSPORT ABDUL RAHMAN FAHMY.

2. PRIMIN HAS DIRECTED THAT ALL NEWLY LANDED CARGO MUST BE REMOVED BY IMPORTERS WITHIN 72 HOURS. MINISTRY OF MARINE TRANSPORT HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TAKE NECESSARY ACTION AND IMPOSE NECESSARY PENALTIES TO CARRY THIS OUT. PUNISHMENT WILL ALSO BE SOUGHT FOR THOSE PRIVATE OR STATE ORGANIZATIONS WHOSE GOODS ALREADY ARE JAMMING DOCK SPACE. SPECIFICALLY CITED ARE PRESENCE ON DOCK OF 2,000 CARS, 200 BUSES, 25,000 TONS OF NEWSPRINT AND MUCH MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT DESTINED FOR NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION PROJECTS AND SUMED PIPELINE.

3. EARLIER PRESS REPORTS INDICATED MINISTER OF MARITIME TRANSPORT HAD BEEN DELEGATED "ALL NECESSARY" POWERS OF

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PRIMIN TO SPEED PORT CLEARANCE AND ENFORCE NECESSARY

PENALTIES INCLUDING RIGHT TO CALL UPON OTHER MINISTRIES  
AND GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS FOR SUPPORT AND COOPERATION.

4. COMMENT: AUGUEAN STABLE-LIKE ALEXANDRIA PORT ALMOST  
DEFIES CLEANUP AS INCREASED FOREIGN TRADE FLOODS DOCKS WITH  
MORE IMPORTS AND EXPORTS THAN HARBOR WAS EVER DESIGNED  
TO HANDLE. NEVERTHELESS VISIT TO PORT ON NORMAL FRIDAY  
SABBATH HOLIDAY FOUND UNUSUAL LEVEL OF ACTIVITY AND, SINCE  
LAST VISIT ABOUT 3 WEEKS AGO, MARKED IMPROVEMENT IN  
CLEARING SUCH BOTTLENECK AREAS AS GRAIN CARGOES AND  
FERTILIZERS. GENERAL CARGO HANDLING STILL VERY SLOW AND  
THERE ARE STILL BADLY UTILIZED AREAS WHERE SHEER JUNK AND  
OBVIOUSLY LONG-STANDING PILES OF MERCHANDISE STILL OBSTRUCT  
FLOW OF TRANSPORT AND POTENTIAL STORAGE SPACE.

6. AT SAME TIME, PRIMIN PERSONAL INTERESTS MAY STIMULATE  
EVEN STRONGER EFFORTS, AND UTILIZATION AND SEVERAL HUNDRED  
ARMY TRUCKS AND TROOPS IN BOTH REDUCING BACKLOG AND  
PROVIDING EXAMPLE TO REGULAR PORT WORKERS. SIGNED  
CHASE.  
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